CMD of NALCO

†1475. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) situated in Orissa has been regularized;

(b) if not, the reasons for this delay; and

(c) by when this process would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) The vacancy of the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has not been filled up on regular basis yet. Vigilance clearance of the candidates recommended by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) for selection as CMD of NALCO has been sought from the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the matter will be further processed after receipt of the same.

Mining projects in Orissa

1476. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of Mining Projects is high in Orissa as compared to other States in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of mining projects that are going on in the State with the names and location, district-wise;

(c) whether the mining companies are totally following the guidelines of the Ministry on different aspects; and

(d) if not, which aspects of the guidelines they should mainly follow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) As per information available with the Indian Bureau of Mines in respect of mining leases (other than non-fuel, non-coal and non-atomic minerals), Orissa ranks 7th in the country with a total of 380 mining leases, while Andhra Pradesh has maximum number of mining leases, which stood at 1507 as on 31.3.2007. Details of the mining leases given by the State Government name wise, district wise in the State of Orissa are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The mining lease holders are required to comply with the provisions of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, and the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988, pertaining to conservation, systematic and scientific development of minerals, in terms of the conditions of mining lease. The compliance is checked through the Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate organization of the Ministry of Mines. In the year 2007-08, the Indian Bureau of Mines pointed out 105 violations in the mining leases in Orissa to the lease holders for rectification.

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